

New Years fireworks along the Sacramento waterfront.

Photo Credit: Sac Bee



Significant Events - National

New York police engage in 'virtual work stoppage' amid rising tension

(Al Jazeera America) Arrests and summonses in New York City have dropped off precipitously, in what appears to be a deliberate work slowdown by the local police force amid heightened tension between New York Police Department officers and New York Mayor Bill de Blasio. From Dec. 22 to Dec. 27, police made 66 percent fewer arrests than they had during the same period last year. Criminal court summonses were down 94 percent, as were summonses for traffic violations.

Maryland governor commutes sentences for remaining death row inmates

(Reuters) Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley on Wednesday commuted the death sentences of the last four inmates remaining on death row, effectively ending capital punishment in the state. Maryland lawmakers voted two years ago to abolish the death sentence for future offenders beginning 2013. O'Malley stated on Wednesday said that leaving the last four prisoners to await the death penalty "does not serve the public good."

Political standoffs in D.C. could impede economic growth in '15

(LA Times) Economists worry, though, that the accelerating recovery could soon slow down with new standoffs in Washington as Republicans take control of Congress and President Obama shows no signs of backing down. "It's almost a certainty that you're going to see some type of brinkmanship or saber-rattling," predicted Chris Krueger, a policy analyst at financial services firm Guggenheim Partners. "The quiet is over." For the last year, Democrats and Republicans refrained from wrangling over the debt limit or pushing the nation to the edge of a "fiscal cliff" of tax hikes and spending cuts

Significant Events - International

First of nine bodies from AirAsia crash identified

(AP) A passenger aboard AirAsia Flight 8501 became the first victim of the crash to be returned to her family Thursday as search crews struggled against wind and heavy rain to find more than 150 people still missing. Hayati Lutfiah Hamid's identity was confirmed by fingerprints and other means, said Col. Budiyono of East Java's Disaster Victim Identification Unit.

North Korea's Kim Jong Un open to talks with South Korea

(AP) North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, in a nationally televised New Year's Day speech, says he is open to a summit with his South Korean counterpart. Kim said he sees no reason why there should not be a summit with South Korean President Park Geun-hye or high-level talks if Seoul sincerely wants better ties. He also said his country will strengthen its military and economy.

New Year's stampede in Shanghai: 35 dead, 43 injured

(USA Today) New Year's revelers jammed along Shanghai's historic riverfront stampeded about a half hour before midnight Wednesday, killing at least 35 people and injuring 43 others, according to City Officials. Officials said they had not yet determined what triggered the stampede about 2335 hours. in Chen Yi Square on the Bund, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported early Thursday. Many of the dead and injured were students.



5.1 EQ, 69 miles west of Petrolia, Humboldt County

The National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) issued a Tsunami Seismic Information Bulletin regarding a 5.0 magnitude earthquake that occurred approximately 69 miles west of Petrolia, Humboldt County. Humboldt County Dispatch advised that they felt light shaking, but have not received any calls regarding this incident. No reports of injury of damage. NTWC advised that there is no tsunami threat to California. The USGS has verified the earthquake as a 5.1 magnitude.

Rose Bowl Parade, Los Angeles County

The Rose Bowl Parade is scheduled for today at 0800 hours in Pasadena. The City of Los Angeles is on City Watch and will monitor.

Weather of Concern

- Freezing temperatures are expected across Northern California today. Protect cold sensitive plants and provide shelter for pets/livestock or bring indoors to protect from the freezing temperatures.
- Various freeze and hard freeze watches and warnings are in place across the state.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident - 2014 Drought

• SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought



Regional Cold Weather Activities

Cal OES Inland Region

The Cal OES Law Duty Officer confirms that there have been two deaths in Butte County as a result of falling trees in the wind event.

Various media outlets have reported that high winds caused a tree to fall on a house killing the occupant in Redding, Shasta County. Cal OES Law Division has not confirmed this information.

- OA Activations
 - Butte County: Is at Level 1 EOC activation, providing public information and if needed, evacuation center support.
- Evacuation Centers
 - Butte County
 - The Red Cross coordinated an evacuation center at the Paradise Ridge Senior Center, 877 Nunnelly Rd., Paradise.
- · Evacuation Shelters
 - · Butte County
 - At 1800 hours on 12/30/14, a shelter opened at the Paradise Alliance Church, 6491 Clark Road, Paradise, Butte County.
- Warming Centers
 - · Several centers have been opened as needed.
- Recovery
 - IDE teams have deployed with reports of 27 damaged homes/structures.

Regional Cold Weather Activities

Cal OES Coastal Region

The Coastal Region staff surveyed their counties regarding any cold weather planning activities, activations, and opening warming centers or shelters.

- OA Activations
 - · None reported.
- Shelters
 - Napa County
 - The Hope Center: The Hope Center provides basic services to homeless individuals. It also serves as an entrance point for all three homeless shelters.
 - Samaritan Family Shelter: The Samaritan Family Center provides temporary shelter for families with children. Persons needing help must register at the Hope Center.
 - South Napa Shelter: The South Napa Shelter is a clean and sober shelter for individuals 18 years and older. Persons needing help must register at the Hope Center.
 - Winter Shelter: The Winter Shelter is open from mid-November through mid-April. Individuals seeking shelter must register at the Hope Center.
 - San Mateo
 - The San Mateo County Human Services Agency activated their emergency shelter beds and voucher program yesterday.
 - · Santa Cruz
 - The City of Santa Cruz has the Armory open to shelter citizens from the cold.
 - San Benito
 - The City of Hollister maintains a homeless shelter at, 3239 Southside Rd. This shelter remains open from November through March. Citizens may also contact 2-1-1 within all counties to request assistance.
 - Sonoma
 - The OA has extended their "Code Blue" Cold Weather Response advisory through Saturday, 01/03/15. The advisory requests that all homeless service agencies expand beds and open warming facilities, consistent with the Homeless Winter Weather Response Plan. The latest information on shelters and donations needs can be obtained through 2-1-1 and the Catholic Charities' Cold Weather Hotline at (707)800-2927.



Regional Cold Weather Activities

Cal OES Coastal Region

- Shelters
 - Humboldt
 - Redwood Coast Community Action Agency, 24-hour Youth Services for Runaways/Homeless children, Eureka.
 - Women and Children Shelter, Winter-night house, open seven Days a week, Eureka.
 - Eureka Rescue Mission for Men only (55 men), open seven days a week starting at 1730 hours, Eureka.
 - If they run out of room at the Eureka Rescue Mission, they will open St. Vincent De Paul's Center, Eureka.
 - Arcata House Partnership Annex, a night shelter, will have screenings in the mornings with check in at 1530 hours. The
 Arcata Night Shelter is a 20 bed emergency shelter facility for single adults. There are separate dorms designated for
 women and for men. The shelter is in operation 365 days a year. Their DHHS stated that citizens/including homeless
 individuals may call 2-1-1 for services.
 - There is a Winter Shelter Program available on a first come, first service that opens daily at 0900 hours to accept families and elderly.
 - Mendocino
 - Ukiah Valley Conference Center, open from 0800 1700 hours, Ukiah.
 - · There is also a Shelter in Fort Bragg.
 - Solano
 - There are various shelter options available in Solano County. Information can be accessed at: http://www.shelterlistings.org/county/ca-solano-county.html
- Warming Centers
 - Contra Costa County: Trinity Center activated an emergency response.
 - San Mateo County: Intends to open warming centers.
 - Santa Clara County: Through Sunday, the Boccardo Reception Center will remain open 24 hours for homeless seeking relief from the cold. Santa Clara County's largest cold weather shelter in Gilroy is also extending its hours, allowing homeless to stay from 1800 until 0800 hours.
 - Monterey
 - The City of Salinas has established a Warming Center at Lincoln St. OES at the county level is not involved in this process. If people living outside need shelter from the cold, they call 9-1-1 dispatch, who then contacts County Social Services (CSS) to assist. CSS will then provide a voucher to homeless people (if count is low) who need shelter from the cold. For higher counts, the homeless are sent to the Victory Mission. Essentially, no person is left out in the cold.



Regional Cold Weather Activities

Cal OES Southern Region

- OA Activations
 - No OAs anticipate activating EOCs for the projected storm this week.
- Evacuations
 - Riverside County
 - San Jacinto / Hemet Valley: Mandatory evacuations, effective at 0900 hours on 12/30/14 have been ordered for residents at the ten unit Valley View Apartment complex at 20520 Highway 79 due to the threatening storm on 12/30-12/31 2014. The owner of the property was able to accommodate the renters. There were no requests for state assistance.



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

Dry weather is expected through early next week as a strong ridge aloft diverts storms away from the North Coast. Temperatures will gradually moderate through the week and this weekend.

Medford Weather:

The next possibility of precipitation will be Sunday night or Monday at the earliest and even then it won't be much. Given the dry air mass in place, it is unlikely any location will record any measurable precipitation.

Reno Weather:

High pressure will begin building overhead today, bringing diminishing ridge winds. Valley temperatures will remain well below average for one more day before warming to near average by Saturday. Valley inversions will intensify today which may result in decreased air quality conditions going into the weekend.

San Francisco Weather:

Cold northerly flow over the area will result in cold temperatures over the next two mornings. An upper ridge will move over the area by the weekend and temperatures will slowly warm up. Dry weather is expected to persist through the middle of next week.



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Winds continue to decrease today. Fair and dry conditions expected through early next week under strong high pressure. Cold overnight lows with the coldest temperatures this morning and Friday morning. A chance of precipitation across northern California is expected during the middle to late part of next week.

Hanford Weather:

An arctic air mass will blanket the Central California interior today with below freezing minimum temperatures and unseasonably chilly afternoon temperatures. A warming trend will begin Friday and continue through early next week as high pressure builds in from the Pacific. Dry weather can be expected for the next several days.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

Clear skies and below normal temperatures will continue through the end of the week with sub-freezing temperatures at night and early morning hours. Warmer weather is expected next week as a large ridge of high pressure moves overhead and weak offshore flow continues.

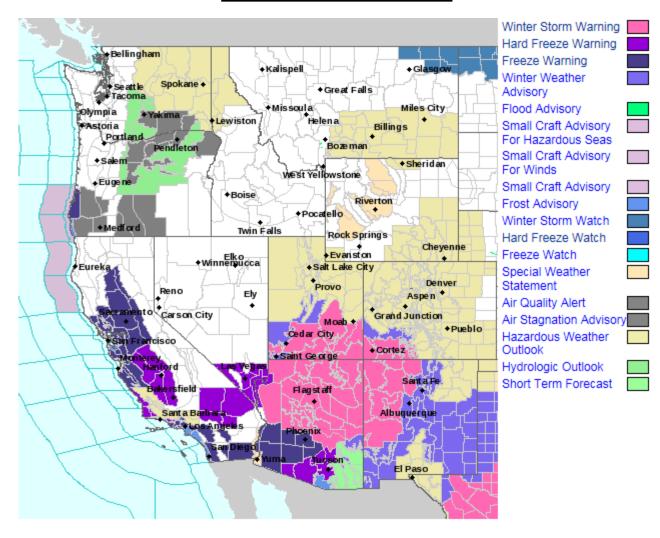
Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

Well below normal temps will continue into Friday with frost and freezing conditions likely in the valleys and deserts this morning and again tonight. A high pressure ridge will bring fair weather and gradual warming over the weekend into next week. Daytime temperatures will be above normal by early next week.

Southeast California Weather:

Cold air will remain in place through Friday with a warming trend beginning over the weekend and continuing into next week.

STATE WEATHER MAP



Last map update: Jan, 1st 2015 at 5:48:21 am MST

FIRE ACTIVITY

Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php

NWS California River Forecast Center:

http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/



RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Boles Incident Vegetation Fire- City of Weed, Siskiyou County

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- On 10/06/14, the Governor issued Executive Order (EO) B-27-14, which provides CDAA, and debris removal assistance, including the suspension of rules and regulations impacting debris removal. The EO also provides the ability for nonprofit organizations to seek reimbursement for extraordinary activities through the State Private Nonprofit Organizations Assistance Program. As of 12/05/14, all debris removal operations are complete.
- On 10/28/14, the City of Weed reestablished water pressure to its downtown area; however, the water storage capacity for fire suppression is still lacking. The City expects water storage to be restored by 12/31/14, or sooner if the weather permits.

Individual Assistance

- On 10/01/14, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved a disaster declaration making SBA assistance available in the primary County of Siskiyou and the contiguous counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Modoc, Shasta, and Trinity, making low-interest federal disaster loans available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the Boles Fire. The application deadline for property damage was 12/01/14. The deadline to return economic injury applications is 07/01/15.
- The Cal OES VAL continues to coordinate and participate in Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) meetings with NGO, Faith Based, and local agencies. Shasta Community Foundation was identified as a fiscal agent for the group. Individuals needing assistance should be directed to the Family & Community Resource Center of Weed located at 260 Main Street, Weed. Funding organizations will assist with unmet needs through the case management process. The VAL continues to work with the Weed LTRG in identifying resources and gaps in services.
- The College of the Siskiyou's website contains a Fire Resource List of various local agencies offering goods and services. The
 document can be found at http://www.siskiyous.edu/humanresources/documents/fireresourcelist.pdf. Additional information on
 recovery efforts can be found at https://weed.recovers.org/.

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters recover from the earthquake.
- As a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration declared Napa and Solano
 counties, making residents and business owners eligible to apply for low-interested physical loss disaster loans. This declaration also
 made available low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses to apply in the primary counties of Napa and
 Solano, as well as the contiguous counties of Contra Costa, Lake, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Yolo.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- RPA: 63 RPAs were received and 10 have withdrawn for a total of 53 RPAs submitted to FEMA.
- Kickoff Meeting: 53 Kickoff Meetings have been completed of which 3 applicants have withdrawn; one kickoff meeting is scheduled for the first week of January leaving 2 remaining to be scheduled once through FEMA's review queue. It is currently anticipated all kickoff meetings will be complete by 1/7/2015.
- PW: 215 PWs are anticipated to be written as a result of the Napa Earthquake. Currently, 75 PWs are drafted, 48 PWs have been entered into the federal database system, 45 of which have been obligated.

Individual Assistance

- The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa County regarding Long Term Recovery efforts. The Napa Earthquake Recovery Group, aka, eNERGy will be holding a general meeting on December 18, 2014.
- Cal OES IA Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) continues NGO coordination in Solano County. The Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG), a long term recovery group, has formed and has established by-laws and elected an Executive Board. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will provide case management training to local organizations in Napa and Solano counties.
- The registration deadline for individuals and businesses to request FEMA and SBA assistance closed on Monday, 12/29/14.
- Assistance Centers The SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) in Vallejo closed at the end of the business day on Tuesday, 12/23/14. The Local Assistance Center (LAC) in Napa transitioned to an SBA DLOC on Tuesday 12/30/14. The smaller operation maintains a presence by SBA staff as well as reduced FEMA staffing. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed 01/01/15).

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

2014 Statewide December Winter Storms

On 12/22/14, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency in Marin, Mendocino, San Mateo, and Ventura Counties as a result of the statewide storms impacting California. At this time, Cal OES Regions and Recovery continue to work closely with all impacted operational areas to assess the impacts, losses, and costs of the December Winter Storm.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- IDE field validations have been completed in Tehama and San Mateo Counties.
- IDE field validations are being performed in Sonoma County.
- IDE field validations are scheduled as follows:

Marin County 01/06/15 Lake County 01/06/15

Individual Assistance

- On behalf of the Governor, the Cal OES Director requested SBA to declare San Mateo County a disaster area.
- A Local Assistance Center (LAC) will be established for residents and business owners to apply for assistance at the South San Francisco Parking Structure located at 329 Miller Avenue, SSF. If SBA declares, it will operate a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) at the LAC location and will continue as needed. LAC hours of operation are Monday, 01/05/15, and Tuesday, 01/06/15, 9 a.m. 6 p.m.
- On 12/29/14, a joint damage assessment was conducted by SBA, Cal OES, and the County Tehama as a result of the December Winter Storms. As a result of the assessment, a letter requesting SBA to declare Tehama County a disaster area was prepared.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

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- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.